

### LOS ANGELES TO SHOULDER DEBTS OF DAM HORROR

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 30.—(AP)—The bill in dollars and cents for the death and destruction resulting from the failure of the St. Francis dam, may become unwritten but costly items on the accounts of Los Angeles water users.

This was decided partially yesterday, when officers of the municipal water bureau announced that the organization would shoulder the full responsibility of meeting the entire bill of damages—amounting to millions of dollars.

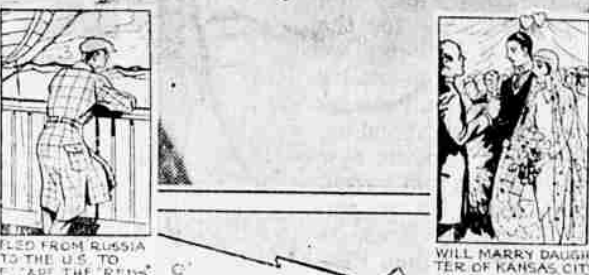
The officials following a meeting with Mayor George Cryer, city engineers and leading Los Angeles bankers, said that responsibility would be met by short term loans advanced by banks with the revenues of the bureau pledged as security, a bond issue, if the supreme court holds such an action legal, and an increase in water rates.

The proposed financial plan will be submitted to the Los Angeles Clearing House association Monday for its approval.

The inquiry, by a coroner's jury into the collapse of the dam with its resulting death toll of probably 450 was adjourned yesterday until Monday. The delay was due to the fact that engineers employed by the district attorney to investigate the cause of the dam's failure had not completed their report.

Six more bodies were recovered late yesterday, bringing the known death total to 287. Five were uncovered in piles of silt-covered debris near and below Santa Paula while the sixth was washed ashore near Oxnard, several miles from the mouth of the Santa Clara river. No identifications were possible.

### BEAUTY TO WED RUSSIAN EMIGRE



WILL MARY DAUGHTER OF KANSAS CITY MULTIMILLIONAIRE.

A romance between an American girl, Jessie Downing, Kansas City, Mo., beauty and daughter of a millionaire, and a Russian emigre, George Leonidovitch Artamanoff, who fled Russia to escape the revolution, has come to light. Their engagement has been announced at Manila, Philippine Islands.

### PHONE REVENUE INCREASES; SEEK RAISE IN RATES

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—(AP)—The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company had an operating revenue of \$59,748,120 in 1927, the state railroad commission was informed in a report today. In 1926 the company's operating revenue was \$54,524,558.

Operating expenses last year, excluding taxes, were 42,579,507, leaving a net operating revenue of \$17,168,612.

During 1927 taxes charged to operation amounted to \$2,155,429. Deducting the taxes, an operating income of \$15,013,183 remained.

Adding to the operating income the non-operating income of the company and deducting the non-collectible revenue and rents, results in a gross corporate income of \$14,524,307. This represents the amount available for interest, amortization of debt discount, other fixed charges, non-operating expenses, dividends and surplus.

The telephone company has an application before the railroad commission for an increase of rates in San Francisco and other bay cities estimated at \$7,000,000 annually.

### DEATH REVEALS MAN IS WOMAN

SAPULPA, Okla., Mar. 30.—(AP)—Death has revealed that Frances Anderson, known for many years as "champion billiard player," in reality was a man.

Anderson ended his own life here yesterday by slashing his throat and wrists with a razor. Not until the body was prepared for burial did the secret of 30 years of masquerading become known.

Crumpled in one of the woman's stockings he wore a letter indicating that he had contemplated death and carrying a plea that his secret might be preserved.

"Do what you want with my body," the letter said, "but don't let the world know my secret."

Other than the information obtained from the clippings, authorities were unable to learn much about Anderson. He apparently had spent considerable time in Los Angeles. He was about 60 years old.

### BREMEN HELD BY FURIOUS GALES

BALDONNEL FIELD, DUBLIN, 30.—(AP)—Gales which swept the Baldonnell air field most of the night led to the postponement of the hop-off of the German air-plane Bremen across the Atlantic.

There was a 23 to 25-mile wind when Baron von Huenefeld and captain Koehl appeared shortly before noon and gazed intently at the unfriendly western sky. They inspected the Bremen and then returned to the hangar which is serving as their home, to study their weather charts and Atlantic maps.

The Germans were greatly disappointed at the delays caused by unfavorable weather conditions.

H. I. Bromley and Jack Tobin of the Cocom organization were among the local representatives who attended the "Caveman Carnival" in Grants Pass last night.

Are you getting the kind you've always liked?



Make sure the package reads 12 BISCUITS 12 OUNCES

## Shredded Wheat

## New Frocks for Easter

### M. M. DEPARTMENT STORE

### The New Ready-to-Wear Ladies' Spring Dresses

This group of new spring dresses shows the new sleeveless dress in tub silk in colors of orchid, flesh, maize and apricot. Also in this group are georgettes, flat crepes, and printed silks. You will find in this assortment, of new spring dresses just the dress to satisfy your most urgent demands. Regularly priced up to \$18.50. Special for Saturday

\$9.89

### Special Sale Ladies' Wool Dresses

Our complete stock of new spring dresses, in the light weight light wool, jersey and French flannel will be placed on sale for Saturday. This group combines a good color and size range. Regularly priced from \$22.50 to \$32.50. Specially priced for Saturday, only

\$18.45



### Underthings

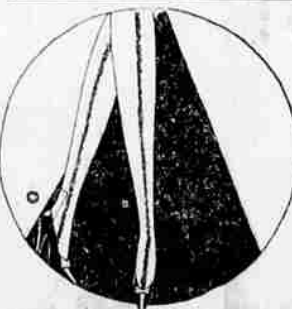
Dainty lace trimmed crepe de chine slips and step-ins, price \$2.19 and \$1.98

Munsingwear rayon in various styles, new step-in bloomers, French panties and combinations, plain and brasseur top. Prices \$1.75, \$1.98, \$2.00 and \$2.98.

### Easter Hosiery

Our hosiery stocks are complete in sizes and colors. Gordon's Slender Heel, Munsingwear's high pointed heel and Strutwear's No. 1779 regulation heel. Prices

\$1.95 and \$2.00



### Piece Goods Department

Visit our silk department and see our new prints just received. Exquisite designs on both light and dark grounds — \$1.95

Gingham checked taffetas, blue and white, red and white — \$2.25

Baronet for costume slips in a large range of colors, 97c

Cleanease and rayon voiles in floral designs of rare beauty. This is a cloth of soft texture and lends itself to the soft draperies now prevailing in the present-day mode. Prices \$1.69 and \$1.95.

### R & G Corsets

\$1.49

One lot of R and G back lace corsets. All sizes Regular \$4.50 and \$5.00. Special Saturday \$1.49

### Flannels

Flannels for the spring sport dress. A light weight, washable flannel in shades of rose, blue, orange and green. 36 inches wide. Price \$1.49

## Downstairs Bargain Department

Serve Yourself and Save in Our Bargain Basement

- 40-inch voile, pastel shades ..... 35c
- 31-inch crepe, pink, orange, yellow, white ..... 25c
- 32-inch crepe, fancy figured ..... 29c
- 36x41-inch pillow slips, good quality, each ..... 19c
- 81x90 Marion sheets, seamless ..... 79c
- Corsets, sizes 26x35, some \$6.50 values for ..... 98c
- Corselettes, each ..... 98c
- Boys' Calf skin oxfords ..... \$2.49 to \$2.98
- Close out \$4.00 broken lines, tan, low heel oxfords and patent sandals ..... \$2.48



C. A. MEEKER, Manager

### FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM BALKED

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—Approval has been given by the agricultural department to the cutting bill authorizing appropriations of \$3,500,000 each in the years 1929, 1930 and 1931 for main highways across vast federal reservations in western states, particularly in the Rocky Mountain region. The budget director has reported, however, that the legislation would be in conflict with the financial program. Despite this report Cutting and other senators from western states are determined to press for action on the bill.

### COPCO FORUM TO STAGE MINSTRELS

One of the best Forum parties of the year will be given by the Copco employees club at St. Mark's Guild hall tomorrow night. The evening's entertainment program will be varied in character, starting off with a short business meeting at 8:15 p. m., followed by a real "blackface" minstrel show. After the show dancing will take place, with music by Dickey's popular five-piece dance orchestra. A large attendance of Copco employees and their friends is looked for.

AMARILLO, Texas, March 30.—(AP)—Six unidentified bodies were in morgues here today. Two found yesterday in the Fort Worth & Denver roundhouse washing vat, were those of men believed to have met with foul play. The other four men were killed by shifting of railroad ties in a car in which they were riding at Tascosa Wednesday.

SELMA, Cal., Mar. 30.—(AP)—Torru Noda, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Noda, was accidentally shot and killed by his 5-year-old brother, Kanama, while the children were playing with a revolver in a bedroom upstairs in the Noda home about three miles north-east of Selma.

Ten carloads steel rails are ready for Great Northern terminals at Klamath Falls.

### AVERAGE AUTO TAX IN COUNTRY \$23.78 OREGON IS \$41.46

WASHINGTON, April 1.—State motor vehicle taxes increased three times as much as motor vehicle registrations in 1927. The average per vehicle tax for the country increased 10 per cent in 1927 over 1926.

The total increase of motor vehicle registration for the United States in 1927 was 5.4 per cent, while the increase in the total amount of special car taxes exclusive of personal property taxes, for the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia was 16.1 per cent.

Following is a summary of other facts brought out in the annual tax review:

First: The average per vehicle tax levy for the entire country was \$23.78 in 1927 as compared with \$21.69 in 1926, an increase of 10 per cent in a period of twelve months. The per vehicle tax has increased 278 per cent since 1919, when it stood at \$8.55.

Second: Special taxes collected from car owners by the states reached a new high peak last year, with a total of \$525,829,823.14 as compared with \$475,885,583 in 1926, an increase of \$76,744,240.

Third: The states' revenue from the gasoline tax increased 35.4 per cent in 1927, the total being \$254,169,262 as compared with \$187,603,231 the previous year.

Seven states had more than a million registrations in 1927.

The five states with the highest per vehicle tax were: Florida, \$41.95; Oregon, \$41.46; Arkansas, \$39.21; Georgia, \$38.84 and Virginia \$37.93. The District of Columbia with \$19.92 had the lowest per vehicle tax levy.

### FALL FAVORS SINCLAIR

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some years ago. In his story of the sale of the third interest in the Tres Ritos Cattle and Land company, Fall insisted it was not negotiated until after the Teapot Dome lease had been signed. M. T. Everhart, Fall's son-in-law, of Pueblo, Colo., manager of the ranch property, through a vote of the stockholders had full charge of the property, according to his father-in-law, and discussed the deal with Zevely. After the deal was completed Everhart took the bonds to Pueblo, where approximately \$146,000 were used to pay off the ranch company's indebtedness to the Teapot Dome trust. The remainder was sent to El Paso and after \$29,000 had been used to pay an overdraft of the company's account in Pueblo, Fall used most of the remainder in purchasing small parcels of land needed to complete his Tres Ritos ranch.

Fall's ability to stand longer questioning than expected had needed his usual, may bring the taking of the deposition to an end by tomorrow night.

The defense hopes to finish the direct examination either late today or tomorrow morning and the cross examination will follow.

Fall's condition was so much improved today that the examination extended into the afternoon and it was after 12 o'clock before the questioning was adjourned until 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Fall was so satisfied with her husband's condition that she left the house and worked around her large lawn, high on a terrace above the street.

As soon as the morning session was concluded the former secretary went to bed to relax and save his strength for the afternoon session.

### MERRILL, Wis., Mar. 30.—(AP)

Heeding the pleas of his wife that he give himself up, John Kauffman, 42, ex-convict slayer of Marvin Mitchell, 28, today was in the Lincoln county jail charged with first degree murder after hiding Price county.

PORTLAND—\$50,000 1 1/2 room school home to be built at Union and Haley.

During 1927 Wallawa county shipped 6900 cattle, 22,000 hogs, \$8,000 sheep.

## Handicraft Shop

### Easter Showing of Children's Ready-to-Wear

Smart little dresses for the children—are those new Easter dresses—sizes 1 to 14 years. Smart, dainty and charming are these models in VOILES, FLANNELS, LAWNS and BATISTE STYLES which will appeal to you.

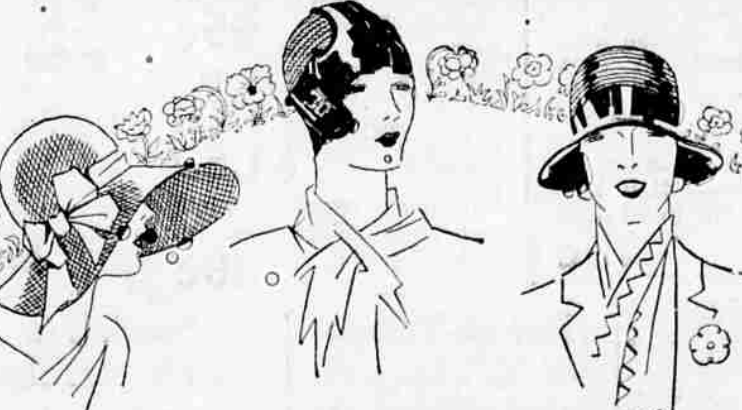
### INTRODUCING OUR COMPLETE LAYETTES FINISHED AND SEMI-FINISHED



### Children's Lovely Organdie Bonnets Everything New in Needle-Art

We invite the women of Medford to come in and see all the new lovely little things in this department.

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